

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN
25500 GIBRALTAR ROAD
FLAT ROCK, MI 48134**

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, on the above date at 7:30 pm.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Mayor: Hammond
Council Members: Beller, Dishaw, Martin

ABSENT: Council: Bergeron, Tefend, Wrobel

Resolution 02-21-23-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to excuse Council Members Bergeron, Tefend, & Wrobel for the regular council meeting on February 21, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

ALSO, PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, City Clerk Shane Harrison, Police Chief Jerry Page, City Administrator/Treasurer Joanne Beard, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Interim Department of Public Services Director Eric Holtz, Library Director Michael Cummings, and Parks & Recreation Director Patrick Hawkins.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023

Resolution 02-21-23-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Agenda Change – Mayor Hammond requested that Agenda Item New Business 10-B: Discussion – 911 Consolidation be discussed at this point in the Agenda

Item 10-B Discussion – 911 Consolidation

**Discussion between Mayor Hammond, Councilmembers Dishaw & Beller, Chief Jerry Page, Brownstown Police Chief Watson, and Bruce Heck. **

Resolution 02-21-23-03

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to authorize the support of Chief Page’s recommendation to move forward with the Consolidated 911 Dispatch.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- 9 – A: Discussion – Rapid Response Contract
- 10 – A: Request to Approve – Full Time Banquet Manager
- 10 – D: Request to Approve – Ordinance Officer Pay Increase
- Community Center Budget Questions

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liz Hendley, Economic Development Director

- Shared Flat Rock Our Hometown Events (in conjunction with The Flat Rock Parks & Recreation) for the 2023 year.

Eric Holtz, Interim Department of Public Works Director

- Update on Peters Rd.
- Update on Blue Heron Road replacement.
- Update Will Carleton Water Main Project

Jerry Page, Police Chief

- Update on Vreeland & Ford Facility Traffic Signal
- Shared training certification updates on Police Officers

Shane Harrison, City Clerk

- Update on new City Website.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Members provided the following updates:

Councilman Steve Beller

- Happy Birthday to his youngest daughter!

Councilman Larry Dishaw

- Update on Save the Reading Building Commission.

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Mark Hammond provided updates of the following:

- Shared Fire Chief James Katona retirement notification

Resolution 02-21-23-04

Motion by Hammond

Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to accept the retirement of Fire Chief, James Katona.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

8. **AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:**

~~Item 8-A 2022 Diane L. Parker Community Champion~~ **Postponed**

Item 8-B Honorable Service Award – Sgt. Moss

Police Chief Jerry Page awarded Sgt. Moss with the Honorable Service Award for the following:

Incident #23-1876 “Smuggling Contraband into City Jail”

Your outstanding service to the community is hereby commended. On January 25, 2023, your exemplary actions represented the Flat Rock Police Department to the highest standard. On this date, you observed a foreign object in a bottle of body wash that was brought in for a prisoner in our jail. Your search and investigation yielded contraband of a white powdery substance that was later tested and proved to be Fentanyl. Felony charges in this case are being sought against the suspect. If it wasn't for your commitment to law enforcement and keeping our jail facility safe, a dangerous drug would have been introduced into our jail facility. With sincere gratitude & appreciation, I proudly recognize your dedication and outstanding contribution to our Police Department.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item 9-A Discussion – Rapid Response Contract

No Action Taken

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item 10-A Request to Approve – Full Time Banquet Manager

Resolution 02-21-23-05

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to waive the requirement of Council approval for the Full Time Banquet Manager position and allow Parks & Recreation Director Pat Hawkins to fill the budgeted position as he sees fit.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Item 10-B Discussion – 911 Consolidation

Moved to directly after Council Role Call and before Citizens to be Heard.

Item 10-C Mayoral Appointment – Library Board

Resolution 02-21-23-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to approve the re-appointment of Wendy Clark to the Library Board with a term expiring February 21, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Item 10-D Request to Approve – Ordinance Officer Pay Increase

Resolution 02-21-23-07

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve Ordinance Officer Wage Increase for Chuck Gillenwater of \$18.00 per hour.

Motion carried 4-0

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

12. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS:

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- Council's irresponsible spending

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 02-21-23-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 21, 2023, at 8:45pm.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

SHANE ANNE HARRISON, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the March 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting